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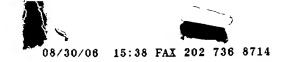
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the status of the above-identified application be provided to the undersigned. On June 3, 2005, the Examiner issued an Office Action that reopened prosecution in light of an appeal brief. On August 31, 2005, the Applicant filed a request to reinstate the appeal and a supplemental appeal brief. Please inform the undersigned of the current status of this application.

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